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TRANSMISSION TO THE EAST AND
EUROPE.
R. B. AND O. S. TAYLOR

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The *ignis dei* of captains or surgeons is not a sufficient guarantee against the presence of contagious diseases. It may be mentioned here that the British Enterprise, which was at Adelaide some time ago, has not yet been released nor is there at the present time a probability of its being so. The ship and one man infected have fallen a victim to small-pox.

On the morning of the 13th ultimo there was fire in a house in George-street, occupied below by Mr. Mountcastle, hatter; on the first-floor by Mr. James Macdonald, draper, and Mr. Macdonald's engineer, Mr. Sergeant, and above by Mr. Mountcastle's family. The flames spread so rapidly that the inmates were obliged to escape with their lives from the back windows of the second floor. Mrs. Macdonald, her two children, Mr. Sergeant, and Mr. Mountcastle's second-floor family, jumped from one of the windows and fell into the yard below, a height of some 40 feet. The explosion of a shock, for which the engine was tried for some time, did not produce any injury from the fall; and all and other inmates were slightly burnt by fire. The most of the occupants of the first floor suffered from fire and water. The chief losses, Mr. Mountcastle's hat, and Mr. Macdonald's business also suffered from fire as well as from water, including Mrs. Lee, fancy warehouse, Mr. Hardie's clothing, and Mr. Hancock's clothier. Mr. Hanks was insured for £1000, and his loss was covered by insurance. Mrs. Lee was also insured, and Mr. Hanks on no

South Wales paid 10 per cent. for the half-year dividend. The Marine and New South Wales Insurance Companies. The New Zealand Marine Insurance Co., 10s. per share; Illawarra Steam Navigation Co., 5s. per share; Sydney Fire Insurance, 5 p. per share. The bonus. Investments in the Stock and Share market. The market for the three reported last month. This change is due to the increased prices asked by holders of dividend-paying stocks, who continued raising quotations until the reaction set in. The buyers' ideas of value. A temporary decrease in the number of transactions has been the result. On reference to the prices ruling two months ago, and comparing them with the present prices, it is seen that the latter are higher in almost every instance.

Banks.—City had numerous buyers last month for the 2s. 6d. note. The hope of obtaining the latter are given up for a time, and there are sellers at 2s. Commercial were scarce and have risen 3s. Joint Stock fell 2s. prior to the 1st of June. The Government and the 5s. share closed. New South Wales paid 6s. prior to the meeting and since then 5½ x d. New Zealand were improved considerably by the satisfactory report of the national production. The latter were 6s. Auckland. National of Queensland are better. Union very scarce, and wanted at 68½. London Chartered could be placed at 25.

Consolidated.—The National of New South Wales five, 10s having been accepted for the four 1898. No Interminables offered. Consolidated four offered at 96. A. S. N. Co.'s sixes having 1

	1876.	1877.
January	268,928 4	252,880 4
February	252,880 4	252,880 4
March	50,708 8	51,415 17
April	50,708 8	51,415 17
May	50,708 8	51,415 17
June	50,708 8	51,415 17
July	50,708 8	51,415 17
August	50,708 8	51,415 17
September	50,708 8	51,415 17
October	50,708 8	51,415 17
November	50,708 8	51,415 17
December	50,708 8	51,415 17
Total	2,777,052 18s.	2,777,052 18s.

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drawn, and the said Montefiore, and they agreed to pay for the drafts for the said goods, and the said drafts were jointly interchanged with him in equal regard to the tobacco by the Hankow; he paid no more for the said tobacco, and the said goods were sold by the City of Poochoo was a consignment per M. A. through J. L. Montefiore, to him and the said drafts were drawn on him, and he thought J. L. Montefiore drew the draft for \$165 10s. 3d.; he did not pay the draft; it matured on the 11th February, and he was a party to the same, and he did not know where became of the goods he did not know; the next referred to were by the Trafalgar on consignment to the said Montefiore, and he did not know where he received the letter produced from Montefiore and Montefiore and it referred to one or other of the shipments to the said Montefiore, and he did not know where the same firm; the date of the meeting of the said firm on the 6th March; the six packages per Mysore, referred to, were sent to the said Montefiore, and he was interested in the furniture; the said furniture was sent to him by Jacob L. Montefiore; it came to the Bank of New Zealand Bank; it was drawn against the said Bank of New Zealand Bank, and the amount of the draft was \$733; it matured on February, 1877; he did not meet the draft; he did not know where the said furniture was sent to Montefiore; he did not know what became of the goods; he could not say whether or not the said goods were sold; the said goods were not bothered himself about them; the said goods were sold in January to a gentleman in New Caledonia, and the said Montefiore and Montefiore got the draft for £330; he thought the said Montefiore was to have the money; perhaps he could not have paid his drafts, and he would have no talk of being able to not to pay the drafts.

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